MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) Has he considered the claims of all the acting men in the Judicial Department ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): May I know whether the rules which the Public Service Commissioner is proposing and which the Government are going to approve apply to the appointments in the staff of the Public Service Commissioner ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They will apply to future appointments in the Public Service Commissioner's office.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether all these hands were from the Judicial Department ? TO

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I belive one was taken from the Account Office also.

Departments outside the province of the Public Service Commissioner.

304 ***MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any departments not coming within the province of the Public Service Commissioner in the matter of appointments ; and if so, the names of such departments ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes. The member is referred to Rule 3 (1) of the Public Service Recruitment Rules published in the issue of the Gazette dated the 18th February 1936.

Appointments made by Departmental Heads without consulting the Public Service Commissioner.

305 ***MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) ; Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Public Service Commissioner has reported to Government that Departmental Heads are making appointments in utter disregard of his existence ; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken by them on the report ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Necessary action has been taken to prevent irregular re-crnitments.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) ; With reference to the answer to part (a), may I know when the report of the Public Service Commissioner was received by Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government received a report from the Public Service Commissioner on the 6th of February 1936.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know when the necessary action was taken on that report ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : On that report Government issued a circular on the 6th March 1936.

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MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolam*): May I know whether after the issue of that circular any Departmental Head has made any new appointments?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know when the Public Service Commissioner pointed out to Government instances of new appointments made by Heads of Departments?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): On the 6th of February 1936.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether in that report he makes mention of any special department?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. He has made special reference to the Police Department.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether there are any appointments made by the head of any department after that date which has not been approved by the Public Service Commissioner?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether any disciplinary action has been taken against these officers?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

Backward Communities.

306 *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have granted any concession in the matter of age-limit to candidates from the backward communities in education so as to enable them to enter the Public Service of the State?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to Rule 16 (2) (*f*) of the Travancore Public Service Recruitment Rules—1111, published in the issue of the Gazette dated the 18th February 1936.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the percentage of literacy of the Muslims in the State?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is less than the minimum fixed in the rule and so the Muslim is a backward community.

The Public Service Commissioner.

307. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Public Service Commissioner took charge of his duties;

(*b*) what all appointments he made since he took charge;

(*c*) upon what basis he makes appointments;

(*d*) who helps him in the matter of selection of the candidates; and

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